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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12-15 remain in the application. Claims 2, 5, 7, 9, and 11 have canceled.

More specifically, the subject matter of claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 1. The remainder of the independent claim has been adapted to the added language. Further, the dependent claims have been adapted by canceling and amending their dependencies, respectively. The change in claim 3 from "controlled" to "controllable" was deemed necessary so as to provide proper antecedent support.

In light of the indicated allowability of claim 2, claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 are now in condition for allowance.

The restriction requirement is once more acknowledged. Applicants herewith affirm the election of claims 1-12 for prosecution at this time. The election is effected with traverse and the Examiner is requested to reconsider.

The groups of claims (i.e., "inventions" I and II) are not related as "process of making and product made." Instead, claims 1-12 are directed to a "power switch" which is defined by its discrete components and their interconnection in a circuit. Claim 10 further defines the controllable transistor of the power switch as a MOSFET and the

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other transistors as FETs with given conductivity. Claim 12, finally, limits the power switch to an integrated circuit in a semiconductor body.

The claims of group II are directed to a "semiconductor configuration" with a semiconductor body and a power switch formed in the semiconductor body. That is, claims 13-15 are directed to a combination while claims 1-12 are directed to the subcombination of the power switch. The claims, therefore, are related as a combination and a subcombination.

Claim 13 has been amended by referring back to claim 1. In light of the allowability of claim 1, claim 13 and the dependent claims 14 and 15 are patentable as well. The Examiner is respectfully requested to rejoin claims 13-15.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12-15 are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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